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chase of horses, supplies and equipment is well under way.

One of the most important of the undertakings is the extension of the surveys in the Ruby district, on the Yukon, and in the adjacent regions. C. E. Griffin and G. L. Harrington will undertake the surveys in the Ruby district proper, which is now an important gold-placer camp. R. H. Sargent and J. B. Mertie will carry surveys southward to Takotna, on Kuskokwim River. H. M. Eakin will explore the region lying between the mouth of Cosna River, a tributary of the Tanana, and the Ruby district. The only other work in the Yukon basin is that of Eliot Blackwelder, who will make a geologic examination of the White Mountains, southwest of Circle.

The region lying between Knik and Turnagain Arm, tributary to the proposed government railroad, has been only partly mapped, and here both geologic and topographic surveys will be undertaken. The preparation of the topographic base map will be undertaken by one party under the leadership of J. W. Bagley, and the geology and mineral resources will be studied by another party under S. R. Capps.

B. L. Johnson will complete his detailed study of the geology and mineral resources of the Port Valdez district and will also investigate the mineral resources of other parts of the Prince William Sound region.

Much of the Copper River region has been surveyed in previous years. There still remains, however, the upper Chitina basin, where no geologic work has been done. This work will be undertaken by F. H. Moffit, assisted by R. M. Overbeck.

The detailed topographic mapping adjacent to Juneau, in southeastern Alaska, begun last year, will be continued by D. C. Witherspoon. The base map of this important gold lode district is essential to an exhaustive study of the district which will be undertaken next year.

The mineral resources of the Ketchikan district have been under investigation at different times in the last fifteen years, and the results embodied in reports. Detailed surveys of the

two most important copper-bearing areas of the Ketchikan district have been made. Much of the district has been geologically mapped, but the work is still far from being complete, and the investigation of the geology and mineral resources in this field is to be extended by Theodore Chapin.

The marked industrial advancement in southeastern Alaska has created a great demand for information about the available water-powers, which George H. Canfield has been detailed to investigate. He will also carry on stream gaging in cooperation with the Forest Service.

The hot springs of Alaska are of importance, as many are used as local sanitariums. As no information about them is available, they are to be investigated this summer by G. A. Waring, who will visit the hot springs of Ketchikan and Sitka, in southeastern Alaska; one near Circle and the Baker and Chena hot springs, in the Tanana Valley; and one in Seward Peninsula, about 60 miles north of Nome.

Alfred H. Brooks, geologist in charge of the survey's Alaska investigations, will be engaged in office work until about the end of June. He will then leave for Alaska, and his work will probably include investigations in the Iditarod, Fairbanks and Valdez districts.

AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

THE following letters have been exchanged between the president of the Ohio State University and the dean of the College of Agriculture:

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,
COLUMBUS

My dear Professor Price: Since your remark this morning that you would not remain as professor of rural economics I feel impelled to write you and make an urgent appeal for you to reconsider that decision. My judgment is that you have a quarter of a century of service ahead of you here in a field not well occupied anywhere in the country. You have the esteem and good will as well as the confidence of your colleagues. I can not but feel that you would be sacrificing a highly useful career if you should leave the uni-

versity. It would give me personal satisfaction and pleasure to nominate you at the maximum salary. It would be a great disappointment to me and I think also to your friends if you should persist in your determination to leave the service in the university.

Think this matter over deliberately and let me have assurance of your willingness to remain.

Very cordially,

W. O. THOMPSON

April 21, 1915

April 27, 1915

PRESIDENT W. O. THOMPSON,
Campus.

My dear President Thompson: Your letter of April 21 came to hand and I have delayed answering it until I had time to consult with some men, both on the campus and off of it, who have the welfare of the university at heart, and men in whom I know you have confidence.

I have thought the matter over carefully and what I have to say is said deliberately and without feeling. In answering your urgent appeal to remain in the university I can not refrain from reviewing some of the things that have happened in the college of agriculture during the twelve years that I have been dean.

I came here twelve years ago to fill the position of dean. I had only been out of college six years, most of my associates and colleagues had been my teachers. The college was small, the enrollment was only 243, about one seventh of the total enrollment of the university. The esteem in which the college was held in university circles was not high. Townshend Hall and the old horticultural building represented the material equipment of the college. No winter courses were given, no extension work was done, no farmers' week was held, no three-year courses existed and combination courses with other colleges were unthought of. This year the enrollment in the college is 1,478, nearly one third of the total enrollment of the university. The college of agriculture of Ohio State University is surpassed in enrollment, as reported in a recent number of *SCIENCE*, only by Cornell and the University of Wisconsin. The standards of the college of agriculture have been raised, five buildings have been built, 250 acres of land have been added to the university farm. Most cordial relations exist with all the agricultural organizations of the state, and the work is held in high esteem by the farmers.

All of this progress and development has not

been due to the work of any one man, but rather to the faithful, conscientious work of every one connected with the college, but I insist that in this growth and development I have done my share.

To be summarily demoted without assigning any cause and without explanation, as was done by the recent action of the board of trustees, I resent. I believe that I, my associates and colleagues, and the people of the state are entitled to know why such action was taken.

It is not that I am enamored with administrative work, but one thing for which I have always prided myself has been frank, open dealing with every one and I do not feel that I have been accorded such treatment by you and the board of trustees. However, I could overlook all of that and take up the work of a department if I thought conditions justified it. But I believe that conditions in the university are fundamentally wrong in that the encroachment of the business administration upon the academic has brought about a condition that is rapidly growing intolerable to members of the faculty. Such action as the board has recently taken in reference to me will intimidate your faculty, but it will not give it a sense of permanency that is conducive to constructive, efficient work, neither does it develop the spirit of loyalty.

I appreciate the cordial request that you have made of me to remain in the faculty. But under conditions as they now exist I do not believe it would be wise and very respectfully decline.

It is not without regret and heartaches that I lay down the work of the college in which I have invested my very self for the past twelve years. In retiring I do so without apologies for what has been accomplished during my administration, and I sincerely hope that my successor may have more loyal support from the president and the board of trustees than I have had.

I am,

Very truly yours,

HOMER C. PRICE,

Dean

P. S.—As a matter of information I am referring copies of this correspondence to members of the board of trustees and to the president of the alumni association and am giving it to the press.

THE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL
SCHOOL

On the 29th and 30th of April the new buildings of the Washington University Med-